

Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes

**December 5, 2012 - 4:00 p.m.
Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Commissioners Present: Clegg (Chair), Cohen, Connell, Dolan, Ferrara, Gerdes, Kozak, Lickness, Lazarus, Metge, Peltola, Rubenstein, Sandberg, Schwarzkopf
Commissioners Absent: Johnson (excused)

Also Present: Burt Osborne, Assistant City Attorney

1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

2. Adopt Agenda

Lickness moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded.
Adopted upon a voice vote.
Absent - Johnson.

3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of November 7, 2012

Metge moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 7, 2012. Seconded.
Adopted upon a voice vote.
Absent - Johnson.

4. Chair's Report

Clegg reported on upcoming agenda items: January - vote on the final version of the plain language charter; February - "Charter 101" orientation and update; March - ethics training. Additionally, a session to review the correspondence received by observers of the redistricting process was being considered.

Burt Osborne, Assistant City Attorney, added that Charter Commissioners should take the City's on-line ethics training prior to the March meeting, as the City's ethics officer would be present to answer any questions of commissioners.

Discussion

5. Plain Language Charter Revision: Update.

Former Commissioner Brian Melendez was present and summarized the latest Draft 12(E2) of the Plain Language Charter Revision.

Peter Ginder, Deputy City Attorney, stated the City's finance director and assessor were still reviewing language as pertains to the mill rate. The City Attorney's office had some concerns with regard to the amendments that came from the City Clerk's office (Chapter 10), but hadn't had the opportunity to discuss the same. He would provide more detail at the next meeting as to what tweaks may be recommended.

Clegg felt another public hearing on the recent amendments to the proposed revised charter was not needed unless the body felt it necessary.

6. Tentative 2013 Meeting Dates: January 2; July 3; February 6; August 7; March 6; September 4; April 3; October 2; May 1; November 6; June 5; December 4

Kozak moved to change the date of July 3 to July 10. Seconded.

Adopted, as amended, upon a voice vote.

Absent - Johnson.

Public Commentary

There was no one present wishing to address the Charter Commission.

Ferrara announced he would not be present at the January 2013 Charter Commission meeting but would, if present, vote in the affirmative on the charter revision.

Metge moved to adjourn. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Submitted by: Irene M. Kasper, Charter Commission Coordinator/City Clerk's Office